Our Grants

PIPER FUND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Political Research Associates
National
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $100,000  Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support efforts to produce and disseminate a guide for social justice leaders and organizations affiliated with Political Research Associates, including national organizing networks, on the critical importance of protecting judicial independence, within a frame of understanding the rise of authoritarianism.

PIPER FUND MONEY IN POLITICS

South Carolina Progressive Network Education Fund
South Carolina
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $15,000  Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support their operations.

PIPER FUND FIELD BUILDING

ReThink Media
National
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $300,000  Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support integration of voting rights work with money in politics and fair courts work, with the goals of strengthening the voting rights community’s media skills and strategic communications knowledge and practice; powering sector-wide rapid response and strategic communications; and shifting the public narrative on voting and voting rights to help advance an array of pro-voter solutions.

PIPER FUND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

North Carolina Voters For Clean Elections
North Carolina
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $100,000  Tax Status: 501(c)4
To support work to lead a statewide lobbying and public education effort to protect judicial independence while laying the groundwork for positive reform.

PIPER FUND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Justice Not Politics
Iowa
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $15,000  Tax Status: 501(c)4
To support work to educate the public on the importance of judicial independence.
OSPIRG Foundation
Oregon
Year Approved: 2017
Amount: $20,000
Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support efforts to research, write, and publicize a report highlighting the disparities between large and small donors in Oregon elections.

Coalition for Open Democracy
New Hampshire
Year Approved: 2017
Amount: $25,000
Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

Common Cause Education Fund
New Mexico
Year Approved: 2017
Amount: $30,000
Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support Common Cause New Mexico’s efforts to advance money in politics reform in New Mexico by conducting research and message testing related to campaign finance policies, educating community leaders about the need for money in politics reform, and helping coordinate a coalition in Albuquerque to expand municipal public financing in 2018.

Center for Popular Democracy
District of Columbia, Missouri, New Mexico, Oregon
Year Approved: 2017
Amount: $22,000
Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support work to more deeply integrate money-in-politics reform advocacy into its democracy, economic justice, and corporate accountability organizing through hiring an organizer to focus on engaging, training, and supporting state partners’ work to advance money in politics reform.

Demos: A Network for Ideas and Action
National
Year Approved: 2017
Amount: $75,000
Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support planning and facilitation of a national money in politics reform convening in partnership with the Piper Fund, that will bring together practitioners from around the country to share knowledge, skills, and expertise; align organizing strategies and values to advance local and statewide reforms; and create a cohesive pathway for organizations to enter the field with support from local and national partners.

Justice Not Politics Alaska
Alaska
Year Approved: 2017
Amount: $30,000
Tax Status: 501(c)4

To support public education work on the importance of Alaska’s merit selection and retention systems.

State Voices
Ohio
Year Approved: 2017
Amount: $50,000
Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support Ohio Voice’s Ohio’s Fair Courts Working Group to educate the public on the importance of judicial independence and the positive impact of improved disclosure and recusal rules.
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To support California Common Cause's work to build a stronger and more diverse statewide coalition around money in politics reform; educate communities about the influence of money in local politics; and provide early funding for at least one local effort to organize residents around municipal campaign finance reform.

To support work to conduct public education about the importance of maintaining freedom of assembly.

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To support message development and communications research to increase public education around the influence of money in politics reform in New Hampshire.

To support the executive director transition process, including covering search and transition staffing costs, and funding a process to examine and evaluate Maine Citizens for Clean Elections' mission and vision.

To support efforts to coordinate a strategic planning process in partnership with NAACP Portland Branch and Common Cause Oregon in order to establish a joint vision and plan for New American Majority communities to have a greater impact on local and statewide money in politics reform efforts in Oregon, and to re-grant funds to support NAACP-PB’s coordination of the project.

To support Coalition for Oklahoma’s Renewable Energy’s work to protect Oklahoma’s current judicial selection system.

To support work to lead statewide public education efforts around disclosure of election spending, the importance of judicial public financing, and to connect judicial independence and the impact of money in politics to other democracy issues, including voting rights and redistricting.
North Carolina Voters For Clean Elections
North Carolina
Year Approved: 2017    Amount: $35,000    Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support work to lead statewide public education efforts around disclosure of election spending, the importance of judicial public financing, and to connect judicial independence and the impact of money in politics to other democracy issues, including voting rights and redistricting.

Ohio River Valley Environmental Coalition
West Virginia
Year Approved: 2017    Amount: $30,000    Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support efforts to build a broader fair courts coalition, conduct public education, and media outreach with the goal of strengthening West Virginia's existing judicial public financing system and to improve disclosure.

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Tides Foundation
New York
Year Approved: 2017    Amount: $40,000    Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support Center for Working Families Fund's operations.

Common Cause Education Fund
Connecticut
Year Approved: 2017    Amount: $45,000    Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support Common Cause Connecticut in their efforts to defend and strengthen the Citizens' Election Program, and to build a stronger and more diverse coalition in support of campaign public financing.

Connecticut Citizen Research Group
Connecticut
Year Approved: 2017    Amount: $25,000    Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support efforts to defend and strengthen the Citizens' Election Program, and to build a stronger and more diverse coalition in support of campaign public financing.

Maine Citizens For Clean Elections
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To support efforts to educate Missouri residents about the influence of money in politics, train advocates to organize and talk about campaign finance reform, and coordinate a coalition to advance reform efforts in Missouri.

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To support efforts to advance campaign finance reform in Miami-Dade County and neighboring municipalities by building a coalition of community-based organizations, training advocates, and developing a communications narrative around the nexus between money in politics, high-end real estate development, and gerrymandering; to support the transition process of New Florida Majority Education Fund’s executive director; and to fund litigation of the 2016 ballot language.

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To support continuing efforts to build the organizing capacity and strategic thinking of the fair courts field through trainings, coaching, and leadership development for state fair courts coalitions and networks.
### Common Cause Education Fund

**New Mexico**

- **Year Approved:** 2017
- **Amount:** $40,000
- **Tax Status:** 501(c)(3)

To support their operations.

### Washington Community Action Network Education & Research Fund

**Washington**

- **Year Approved:** 2017
- **Amount:** $20,000
- **Tax Status:** 501(c)(3)

To support work to conduct public education about Seattle's new Democracy Voucher program for communities of color, women, and youth, and to ensure that the most underrepresented Seattle residents understand and participate in the voucher program.

### Common Cause Education Fund

**New Mexico**

- **Year Approved:** 2017
- **Amount:** $40,000
- **Tax Status:** 501(c)(3)

To support Common Cause New Mexico to build a broader fair courts coalition, with the goal of increasing momentum to expand New Mexico's current judicial public financing into lower courts, improve disclosure, and connect fair courts work to other democracy issues.

### Win/Win Network

**Washington**

- **Year Approved:** 2017
- **Amount:** $10,000
- **Tax Status:** 501(c)(3)

To support work to implement Seattle's new Democracy Voucher program, and to thus promote broader civic engagement of groups representing communities of color, women, and youth in a healthier, functioning democracy.

### Kansas Values Institute

**Kansas**

- **Year Approved:** 2017
- **Amount:** $50,000
- **Tax Status:** 501(c)(4)

To support work to lead Kansans for Fair Courts to defend Kansas' merit selection system by coordinating a broad fair courts coalition and implementing a strong and coordinated public education program on the importance of judicial independence, and to analyze the coalition's success in 2016 so that tactics can be replicated by others in the fair courts field.

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Common Cause Education Fund
Maryland
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $15,000  Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support Common Cause Maryland’s Fair Elections Maryland coalition’s ongoing public education and community organizing efforts to advance campaign finance reform in the state of Maryland through conducting research, engaging with local media, and training volunteers to communicate about the influence of money in Maryland politics.

Maryland Public Interest Research Foundation
Maryland
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $15,000  Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support the Fair Elections Maryland coalition’s ongoing public education and community organizing efforts to advance campaign finance reform in the state of Maryland through conducting research, engaging with local media, and training volunteers to communicate about the influence of money in Maryland politics.

Common Cause Education Fund
Wisconsin
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $14,300  Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support Common Cause Wisconsin’s work to educate people in Wisconsin about the need for improved recusal rules through hosting town hall meetings and activating social media where they will connect the need for improved recusal rules to the need of access to justice.

National Institute on Money in State Politics
National
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $15,000  Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support learning from Wellstone Action Fund on how advocates create a power map with the long-term goal of creating a user-friendly “influence mapping” tool that could easily identify key decision-makers surrounding a specific issue in a state.

NEO Philanthropy
National
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $15,000  Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support the Funders Committee for Civic Participation Money in Politics Working Group to convene and support funders to engage in robust, strategic and effective money-in-politics grantmaking.

OLE Education Fund
New Mexico
Year Approved: 2017  Amount: $50,000  Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support the New Mexico Forward coalition’s efforts to conduct research and public education in support of campaign finance reform in Albuquerque, New Mexico.